



# The Knight Times

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## ***Grand Knight's Message***

We have moved past the midpoint of our Columbian Year. I am grateful to all of you who continue to support our council in all its good works. I encourage all Brother Knights to remain committed and attend all council meetings. To all of our new members, I ask you to bring your enthusiasm and new ideas to help propel our council forward.

As for the Columbiette's, we have reinforced our partnership this year and I look forward to more collaborative works. To the Scouts, I am thankful for your continued support for our Set-up Team and willingness to help.

It is through our combined efforts that we can achieve great things!

May God continue to bless us in all our endeavors and our daily lives!!!

Vivat Jesus,  
*Frank Gallacher,*  
Grand Knight

## ***Chaplain's Message***

On Friday, January 27th, thousands of people marched in Washington to mark the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in this country. I think it is important to note that it happened exactly one week after the presidential inauguration. The same army of reporters that worked so hard to cover every moment of the inauguration worked just as hard to ignore all those who marched. One man swearing to uphold the laws of the land is a great show. Thousands protesting one of those laws is considered politically incorrect.

As Catholic Christians, we have a duty to give witness to our belief that life begins at conception and only ends at natural death. As followers of Christ we have a duty to defend the dignity of life in all its stages. As a people of faith we must make our voices heard when so many tell us to keep our opinions to ourselves.

We must all pray that all those wonderful campaign promises will become a reality. We must pray that all those who asked for our votes after promising to work to enact laws that protect the dignity of life will follow through. We must pray that our witness will help to change hearts and minds so that abortion is no longer seen as simply an acceptable choice to an inconvenient problem. We must keep marching until everyone realizes that each human life is a precious gift from God.

Vivat Jesus  
*Rev. Stephen Carey,*  
Chaplain

**2015-2016 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

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Bldg. Maintenance:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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President:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
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Secretary:	Lou Pidi	201-707-7253
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
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Kitchen Captain:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
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Servers/Waiters:	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764

**Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary 2016-2017**

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**Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts 2016-2017**

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
Asst Scoutmaster:	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897

*Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)*

**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb. 15, 2017**  
*Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.*  
To add a name, call **George DiCostanzo, 201-338-2617.**

**Members**

- Bob Dondero, PGK
- Steven Petraglia
- Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK
- Dick Dorozynski
- Frank Uvenio**
- Matt Hayes, PGK**
- John Maguire
- Bill Connington, PGK
- Michael Curran**
- Louis Labetti**
- Dave Benson, PGK
- William Borrows
- Scott Manno, PGK
- Jim McEntee
- Brendan Thornton**
- Bill Horn
- Tony O'Hare**

**Relatives & Friends**

- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
- Evelyn Paulsen, Columbiette & mother of Laura Labetti*
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;*
- Maria Brooks, wife of Jim Brooks;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Maureen Kostka, wife of the late Ed Kostka.*
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Peggy Brennan, wife of Joseph Brennan*
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;*
- Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
- Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;*
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of Bill Borrows

**Wakes**

**Members:**

**Relatives & Friends: Margaret (Peggy) McCann, wife of John McCann.**

**Reservations Procedure**

**Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.**  
--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,  
--Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**

**Hall For Rent**

Planning a party soon? Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187, email [kofc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). **The hall is available with or without catering.**

### *From the News Desk*

**Birthday wishes** to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in **February**.

### **Chancellor/Membership Report**

We welcome and congratulate new members to our Council.

In January, Arian Miller and his son Justin Miller took their First & Second Degree.

Also in January, William Flores and Patrick Reynolds took their First Degree.

Next Degree dates:

**-First Degree**, 8pm Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Westwood, and 6pm Sunday, Feb. 26 at Ridgefield.

**-Second Degree**, 8pm Wednesday, March 8 at Ridgewood Council.

**-Third Degree**, 8pm Friday March 24 at Dumont Council.

**-Fourth Degree**, 1pm Sunday, April 23 at Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany.

Call **chairman Gerry Flood at 551-795-7480**.

*Gerry Flood, Chancellor/Chairman*

*George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.*

### **Financial Secretary Report**

If you have not already mailed in your dues, please do so by end of February. You are 30 days delinquent now.

**Repeated mailings to delayed-payers cost the council extra money in stationary and postage. Please pay on time.**

If you can't pay on time, or it's financially difficult, call me at 201-338-2617 for a private discussion. We can work anything out.

*George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

### **Respect Life Report**

Yes we had 2 busses go to DC for the March for LIFE on the 27th of January this year. No doubt the mass Media doesn't see the hundreds of thousand marchers that day. What is the expression ? "Fake News" or No News. Keep the faith and continue to pray for the unborn.

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

### **Super Bowl Party**

February 5, 2017. Doors open at 5:00PM. Hero Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Chili, Pasta , Wings, Salad, Coffee and Dessert. Beverages included. Cash bar available. Admission is \$25.00, for non-pool attendees.

**Reservations a must.** The proceeds from this event are donated to the ASCPG, one of our Council charities.

Call Steve Martin at 201-262-2764 or 201-669-8236 to make your reservation.

*PGK Steven Martin, Chairman*

### **Are you on Facebook?**

We have created a new Facebook page open to the public to share our events and announcements with our family, friends, and community. Please do your part to help our Council be a success by joining the page and inviting those you know to join as well.

The page is titled "Events for St. John's Council #1345 Knights of Columbus." This page is for our events only, not Council business activities.

Also, be sure to join our email list by sending an email to [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

*Ken Armellino, Chairman*

### **Super Bowl Party**

Remember our Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 5th. Details will be issued by email, facebook, and our website

*Steve Martin, PGK/Chairman*

### **Scholarship Report**

Scholarship applications for the 2017 Awards will be available at the Council on Friday, February 3, 2017.

They can be picked up at the Bar at a meeting, or on a Friday night.

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, February 12 from 8am to 12pm. Fresh-made pancakes, sausage, fries, syrup, orange juice, coffee, tea, and coffee bun. Cost is \$8.00 per person, and children 10 and under \$3.00.

**We do require advance reservations to ensure an adequate supply of all foods.**

Call or Text Ken at 516-220-9399. **IT'S A MUST!**

*PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman*

### **Special Friday Night Social's**

The Council is open every Friday night for members and their friends for a few hours of fellowship and relaxation with a beverage and a complimentary snack.

This month we offer two (2) special complimentary snack nights.....

\*Pizza Night, Friday, February 10 from 8-10pm.

\*Spanish Night, Friday, February 24 from 8-10pm, featuring "arroz con pollo", aka "chicken with rice".

So mark your calendar and plan to attend.

*Frank Gallacher, Grand Knight*

### **Upcoming Events in March**

1. Council Lent Dinner - Friday, March 3, 5-8pm.
2. Columbian Club 70's - 80's Dance 8:30-11:30pm.
3. Columbiette Fish Fry - Friday, March 10 5-8pm.
4. Texas Hold-Em Poker - Saturday, March 11 6pm.
5. Third Degree - Friday, Mar. 24 8pm, Council closed.
6. Irish Nigh - Sat, March 25 7-11pm.

### **Dates to Remember**

**Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.  
Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.**

Mon, Jan. 30	Bergen Federation mtg. 8pm.
Tues, Jan. 31	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Sat, Feb. 4	Rental - Sweet 16 party 7pm
Sun, Feb. 5	Super Bowl party 5pm.
Mon, Feb. 6	Council meeting 8pm.
Fri, Feb. 10	Pizza Night Social, 8pm
Sat, Feb. 11	Valentine's Dinner Dance, 8pm.
Sun, Feb. 12	Pancake Breakfast 8am-12pm.
Mon, Feb. 13	Council meeting 8pm.
Wed, Feb. 15	Columbiettes meeting 7:30pm.
Mon, Feb. 20	Council meeting 8pm.
Tues, Feb. 21	First Degree Westwood 8pm.
Fri, Feb. 24	Spanish Night Social 8pm.
Sat, Feb. 25	Rental - engagement party
Sun, Feb. 26	First Degree Ridgefield 6pm.
Wed, Mar. 1	Ash Wednesday
Fri, Mar. 3	Council LENT dinner 5pm.
Sat, Mar. 4	Col Club 70'-80's Dance 8:30pm.

### **Troop 1345 Scout Report**

Troop 1345 is closing in on the completion of its ninth year of operation this Spring. During that time the troop has seen over 100 boys join the troop, has seen 16 Eagle Scouts come out of its ranks, and currently has 55 active scouts on its roster.

We look forward to entering our tenth year of operation with the Knights of Columbus, which will begin in April 2017 and go through to the Spring of 2018, which will mark ten complete years of operations.

The troop is excited to announce our two newest Eagle Scouts. Eric D'Anna became an Eagle Scout in October 2016 and Robert Conboy became an Eagle Scout in January 2017. They are the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scouts respectively to come out of Troop 1345.

The troop's Eagle Honor Roll currently includes Ryan Ziemba, Timmy Bright, Domenic Fierro, DJ Fusco, Sam Zimmerman, John Benducci, Daniel Adomilli, Matt Bambling, Matt Dreisbach, Jack Zimmerman, Liam Markgraf, Trevor Moriarty, Kevin Barry, CJ Reissner, Eric D'Anna, and Robert Conboy.

Troop 1345 also announces its new leadership that was elected for 2017, with Collin Cook becoming the Senior Patrol Leader, and Justin Merkovsky and Matt Polandick serving as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders.

*Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster*

### **Columbette Auxiliary Report**

**"The power of love is a curious thing  
Make one man weep, make another man sing  
Change a heart to a little white dove  
More than a feeling, that's the power of love."  
(Huey Lewis and the News 1985)**

February is of course the month that hearts, flowers and candy makes its appearance as we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. St Valentine is a

widely recognized third century Roman saint and since the Middle Ages is associated with a tradition of courtly love.

It also reminds us that the season of Lent is not that far behind, as Ash Wednesday this year is on March 1. The Columbiettes will be having their traditional Lenten "Cod and God" fish fry on Friday, March 10 from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm. Dinner will consist of fried and baked fish, French fries, cole slaw, mac and cheese, salad, dessert and coffee. The price has yet to be set, but, reservations are required.

Please contact either Nina@ 201-338-2617 or e mail her at [Ninad70@aol.com](mailto:Ninad70@aol.com) or Laura Labetti @ [labetti250@optonline.net](mailto:labetti250@optonline.net) or 201-387-7479 to place your reservation. *Wishing everyone a "lovely" Valentine's Day!*

*Roberta Elwell, Past Pres, Publicity*

### **Religious & Civil Rights Report**

Yes We now have a new president of the USA Mr. Donald J Trump. Certainly, he is a different kind of person and president. I, personally feel he will be greatly in favor of Religious Liberty (Constitutional wise) and also defending the unborn. We shall see and we will pray that he succeeds as good president of the whole country.

*Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman*

### **The K of C Organ Donor Program**

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an organ donor because the life that gets saved just might sit across from you at dinner tonight. **Sign up at: [www.registerme.org](http://www.registerme.org).**

*Greg Ryan, Chairman*

### **Wake Service Call & Email List**

One of the most "fraternal" and "charitable" duties that we perform as Knights is to pay our respects to a Brother Knight and his family who has deceased. We offer a short prayer service and condolences to the family.

The value of our presence and prayer service for the family cannot be measured in any way. It's just special. But, the reality is this: the number of our members who show up is diminishing. We need more members from our local area.

**If you wish to participate, send me an email to: [papagdc@aol.com](mailto:papagdc@aol.com). No email address, call me at 201-338-2617 and I will add you to the phone call list.**

*PGK George DiCostanzo, Sick & Wake.*

### **Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament**

**MARK THE DATE** - Saturday, March 11th, registration at 6:00pm. Game starts at 7:00pm. \$100.00 buy in. Hot buffet and beverages included.

For reservations contact Ken At 516-220-9333

*Jerry Passano, Col Club Pres.*